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U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER FORM PTO-1390 (Modified) REV. 7-2005) 68193-025 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2005/002522 10 March 2005 (10.03.2005) 12 March 2004 (12.03.2004) TITLE OF INVENTION GAS REGULATING FITTING APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US BLANK, Jürgen; HAPPE, Barbara Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: \boxtimes This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), \boxtimes 3. (9) and (24) indicated below. \boxtimes The US has been elected (Article 31). 4 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. 🗆 has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). c. 🗆 An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). \boxtimes \boxtimes has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. 🗆 have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. \boxtimes have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)). \boxtimes 9. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT 10. Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). \boxtimes A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409). 11. A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210). 12. Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included: 13. П An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 14. \boxtimes 15. A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 16. 17. A substitute specification. 18. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 19.

A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

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